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1. As noted in reference, the second or third week of October will be best for ACKERMANN's visit. By that time we will have a fully mechanized index of over 1/2 million records in operation. Detailed discussion of the design factors, problems, costs and results should take two to three days if index automation is still of particular interest to CATIDE.

2. [] indicated during his TDY that ACKERMANN wanted to see a mechanized police application involving name handling. According to the FBI, the Alameda County police system, centered in Oakland, California, is the most highly automated in the country. This system deals with outstanding arrest warrants and inquiries on stolen vehicles. It has, however, no particular relationship to WOFAC or CATIDE information handling problems, nor do any of the other police systems in the country to our knowledge. While a trip to California (or Saint Louis, or Chicago) to see a police application is easily arranged, the cost and time hardly seem warranted. On balance, it is recommended that ACKERMANN's trip be planned to concentrate on professional discussions in Washington (with perhaps some side trips to DoD and IBM installations).

3. Other subjects mentioned by []

a. ADP Training. We will plan a hour for this.

b. Site Preparation (physical layout of computer facilities). We can arrange for a briefing, but a great deal of literature, and presumably IBM knowledge, is readily available in Germany. Is there any need to go into this with ACKERMANN?

c. Document Control System; security controls. We will describe the mechanics of our system, and some of the more obvious security principles while stressing the need for high personnel security and compartmentation standards. ACKERMANN should be advised in advance, however, that we never discuss our security techniques in detail.

4. As a point of reference, we plan to review the CATIDE understanding of our discussions of June 1965 (Attachment to EDMA-67033, translation forwarded under EGFA-43939). It is suggested that ACKERMANN review this again before coming; the report reflects a number of misconceptions.

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